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Grammar Exercise – Open Cloze Set 2

Exercise 1

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Hi Tim,

Thank you (1) your letter. I'm so sorry to hear that you (2) being bullied at school, and I hope I will be able to (3) you out a little!

Firstly, you need (4) tell an adult about it. I know you feel too scared to do this at the moment, but it's the only way to get things moving. Find someone (5) you can trust, whether they are a teacher, a parent, or a relative – they will be able to lend a hand.

Secondly, remember: school doesn't last (6). Though you feel worried (7) things now and you feel like the saddest (8) in the world, these problems will pass. Remember, bullies are jealous and insecure, but I promise that you (9) come out on top in the end.

Take (10) of yourself.

Yours sincerely,
Aunt Nora

1. for	2. are	3. help	4. to	5. who/that
6. forever	7. about	8. person	9. will	10. care

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Exercise 2

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

At 2,962 metres, the Zugspitze is the (1) mountain in Germany, located (2) Bavaria on the (3) between Germany and Austria. Two cable cars run (4) the base of the mountain to the summit – one starts on the Austrian side, and the (5) starts on the German side, but they meet at the top. The Zugspitze was first climbed in 1820 ((6) the aid of a cable car) and in 1851, a golden cross (7) placed on the summit. After the first cable car was completed (8) 1926, a cog railway was built (9) 1928 and 1930 which cut a tunnel up through the mountain. Nowadays, the Zugspitze is a popular tourist attraction which is (10) by thousands of people every year.	1. tallest/highest/biggest 2. in 3. border 4. from 5. other 6. without 7. was 8. in 9. between 10. visited

Exercise 3

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

MOVIE REVIEW: *Dinosaur Extreme 3D* This new film, directed (1) Peter Clarkson, is a masterpiece. I have (2) seen such an exciting movie! The story is about a scientist (3) creates a dinosaur in his laboratory. However, (4) dinosaur escapes and chaos ensues. When normal weapons fail to hurt it, the government have to depend (5) Jack Johnson to battle it. "(6) you defeat this creature?" they ask. "Of course!" Jack replies. The special effects are the (7) that I have ever seen, and the music by Jerry Williams sounds (8) the classic film soundtracks of the 1950s. My only criticism is that there (9) too many characters – it is hard to keep track! To close, I just have one question for Mr Clarkson: how (10) a sequel?	1. by 2. never 3. who 4. the 5. on 6. can 7. best 8. like 9. are 10. about

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Exercise 4

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Are you a dog person or a cat person? Many people ask this (1) as a way of finding out about someone's personality. After all, the two types of animal are very (2) from one another. (3) are friendly and eager to please their owners, making them extremely popular. They come in many different shapes and sizes, from tiny poodles (4) huge Newfoundlands, and they need to be taken for a walk at least once a (5). Cats (6) another story. They are related to lions and tigers, and so it is (7) surprising that they are often prouder and (8) friendly. Many (9) them enjoy affection from their owners but they never get too attached. Nevertheless, in the USA people (10) 88.3 million cats and only 74.8 million dogs.	1. question 2. different 3. Dogs 4. to 5. day 6. are 7. not 8. less 9. of 10. own/have

Exercise 5

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Tom: Hi, Kim. Thank you for coming to be interviewed today. First of all, why do you want this (1)?

Kim: Well, I've been working at Sport City for three (2) now so I'm ready (3) a change, and when I saw the advert for Megasports I knew that it would be perfect for me. I am (4) most experienced manager at Sport City, and so going on to a higher position at Megasports would make a lot of (5) .

Tom: OK, and what personal qualities do you have which will benefit the company?

Kim: I'm kind, hard-working, and always willing to go the extra (6) to get things done. If you hire me, (7) bring the same passion and enthusiasm to Megasports, which needless to say is (8) of the best companies in the country.

Tom: Thanks, Kim. Finally, what do you like to do in your spare (9)?

Kim: I have a (10) dogs at home, and so I love to play with them.

1. job/position	2. years	3. for	4. the	5. sense
6. mile	7. I'll	8. one	9. time	10. few

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Exercise 6

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Do you play a musical (1)? Do you love performing (2) stage? Then enter the Dartford Music Competition! The competition takes place (3) 17th and 23rd April in Dartford Town Hall and is open to any musician. There are three (4) categories: 8-11, 12-15 and 16-18. Entrants should prepare the following:

1. Two pieces of music to perform, each no more than 5 minutes (5).
2. A short speech (6) the two pieces.

Our adjudicator (7) be the famous singer Kiri Netrebko, who (8) the British national anthem at the opening of the London Olympics. Kiri is a great singer, but (9) also has a lot of experience working with (10) people, making her the perfect adjudicator.

1. instrument	2. on	3. between	4. age	5. long
6. about	7. will	8. sang/performed	9. she	10. young

Exercise 7

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Popular movie star Daniel Davidson has (1) at the age of 83 in Los Angeles, where he had lived (2) his life. Davidson was (3) into a poor family. His father (4) as a cleaner for Hollywood Studios. After studying acting and struggling for a few years, Davidson shot to fame (5) 1963 for his role as Captain Dan in *Night Lives Forever*. Sadly, his father had died in the previous year and so he (6) got to see (7) son's success. Many more successful roles followed, including acting (8) a magician in *Magic Tricks* and a lion tamer in *The Circus*. Davidson retired in 1993 because of (9) problems such as arthritis and a bad back. Many fans around the world will be sad (10) his death and many celebrities will be making tributes to this great actor.

1. died
2. all
3. born
4. worked
5. in
6. never
7. his
8. as
9. health
10. about

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Exercise 8

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Jack: (1) shall we go on holiday next year, kids? *Linda:* Can (2) go to Canada? I have (3) wanted to visit! *Sam:* Isn't it very cold (4)? *Linda:* Only in winter, the spring and (5) are very hot. *Sam:* How (6) Britain? I can practise (7) English speaking skills. *Linda:* Never mind Canada, the (8) in Britain is terrible – it always rains! *Jack:* Now, now, don't argue with (9) other. Both of those suggestions are very interesting. I'm just relieved that neither of you want (10) Disneyland...	1. Where 2. we 3. always 4. there 5. summer 6. about 7. my 8. weather 9. each 10. visit

Exercise 9

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Wishmaker UK is a charity which helps (1) make children's dreams become (2). It (3) founded in 1983 and is aimed specifically at very ill children. For example, Suzy is 5 years (4) and has cancer. Her wish was to visit Santa Claus at (5) North Pole. *Wishmaker* booked for her and her family to (6) to Lapland for a Santa Claus experience. It may not have taken Suzy's illness (7), but it definitely made her the happiest girl in the world (8) a few days. If you (9) to support *Wishmaker UK*, please visit our website or call 1928 3746. Thank you for (10) this.	1. to 2. real/reality 3. was 4. old 5. the 6. go 7. away 8. for 9. want 10. reading

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Exercise 10

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Robin Hood is a legendary British character, but was he a real (1)? The story goes that Robin used to steal money from rich people and give it to (2) people who were suffering and had (3) to eat. A "hood" is an old word for someone who breaks the (4), and Robin was a very common (5) in medieval Britain. This means that it is (6) to find out any historical information about him, but not impossible. Some records suggest that Robin came (7) Nottinghamshire, while others suggest Yorkshire. One thing is certain: Robin Hood (8) become a very popular figure in Hollywood. Hundreds and hundreds of films and (9) shows have been made about him, most recently a 2010 movie starring Russel Crowe and directed (10) Ridley Scott.	1. person/man 2. poor 3. nothing 4. law 5. name 6. hard/difficult/tricky 7. from 8. has 9. television/TV 10. by

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